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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 373
By Lewis

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Barbara Snyder for her
laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
persons who through their personal efforts have distinguished themselves as community
leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Ms. Barbara Snyder, of Tullahoma, who on
January 27, 2000 will be honored as "Mrs. Democrat" by the Highland Rim Democratic Club in
Coffee County at their annual membership banquet; and

WHEREAS, born in Denison, Iowa, Ms. Snyder was raised in a predominately
Republican family until 1963 when she moved to Huntsville, Alabama and converted to the
Democratic party, and has been a dedicated Democrat ever since; and

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WHEREAS, in 1975, she received her Master's Degree in Special Education and continued her studies with 33 post-graduate hours; before retiring Ms. Snyder shared her teaching skills and talents with first, second, and third graders, as well as having served several years with the Tullahoma City Schools Resource classes; and

WHEREAS, she has served assiduously as a charter member of the Coffee County Democratic Women and has held several offices within the organization, including that of president; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Highland Rim Democratic Club, Barbara Snyder still finds time to lend her remarkable talents to such notable causes as the Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee, where she has served as past president and currently serves as secretary; and

Whereas, she has served the Coffee County Retired Teachers Association as the legislative chairman, on the Tullahoma Tree Board, and on the Tullahoma Postal Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women, she has eagerly attended all state conventions since she joined, and has served with probity on the Ways and Means Committee as corresponding secretary, treasurer, and recording secretary. In 1998, Ms. Snyder successfully co-chaired the TFDW Cnvention, held in Coffee County; and

WHEREAS. Ms. Snyder epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean, she represented the state as an elected page to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago and was subsequently made an alternate delegate to the convention in 1996; she attended the inauguration of President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore; and

WHEREAS, she continues to contribute to the education of our youth. Ms. Snyder is a member of the United Teaching Profession and Alpha Delta Kappa, holding several offices during her service with the Tullahoma City Education Association and the National Education Association; she was on the TCEA Executive Board for 15 years, a TEA Representative

Assembly Delegate for 16 years, and an NEA Representative Assembly Delegate for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, she is the President-Elect of the Middle Tennessee Retired Teachers Association and was recently appointed to a second three-year term on the Tennessee Retired Teacher's Association Legislative Committee, which she currently chairs; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Snyder has been an active member of the Unitarian-Universalist Church for the past five years, where she has dutifully served as treasurer, president, secretary, program chairman, and now as historian; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barbara Snyder is most grateful for the love and encouragement she shares with her four grown sons, Steven, Terry, Richard, and Jonathan, and is the doting grandmother of seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it expedient to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Barbara Snyder for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Ms. Barbara Snyder, "Mrs. Democrat" of Coffee County's Highland Rim Democratic Club, for her service to the state of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.